



# Health Impact Assessment: Southside Recycling Permit Application

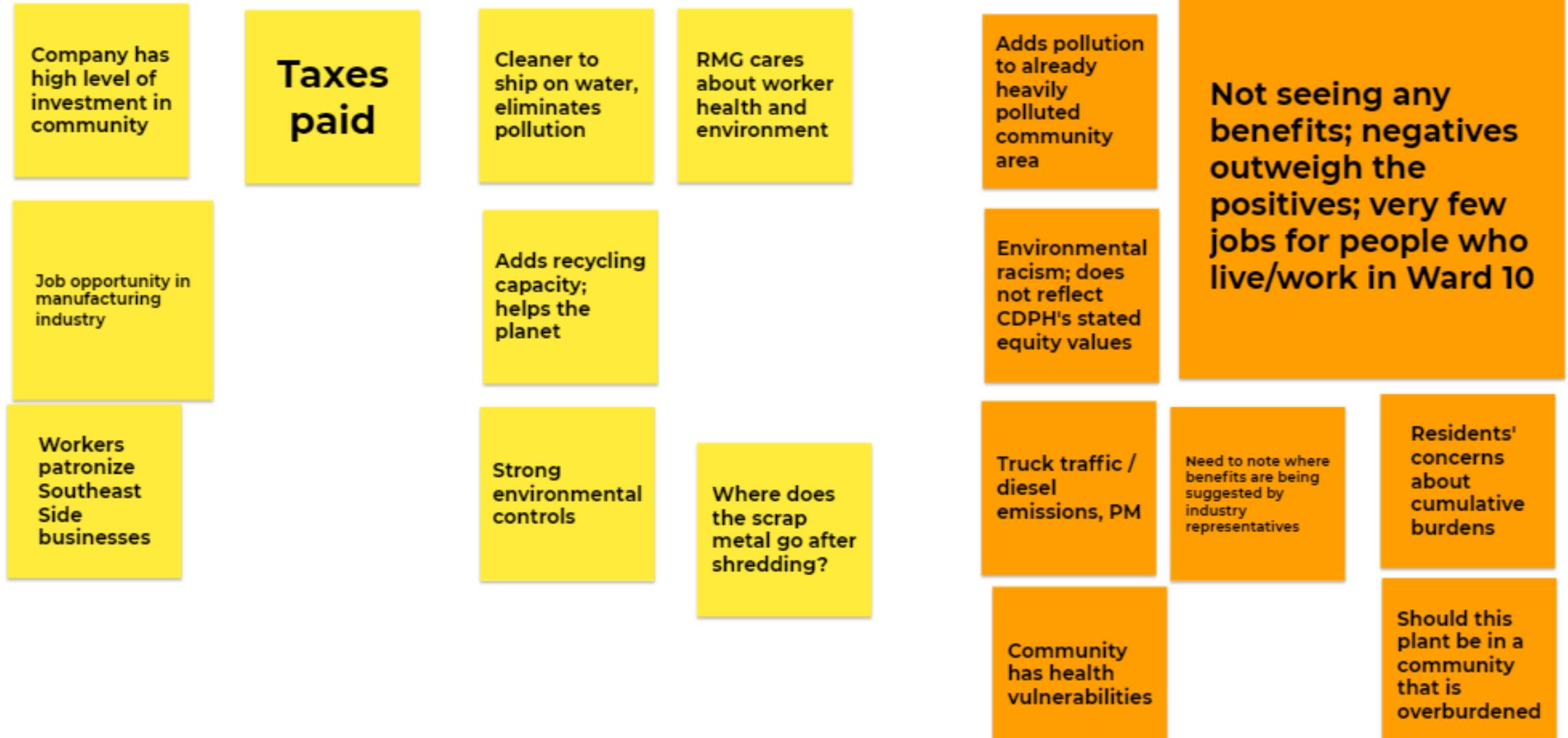
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# Benefits

Please share some of the potential benefits of this proposal on you and your community. Who specifically benefits?



# Burdens

Please share some of the potential burdens of this proposal on you and your community. Who specifically is burdened?

Local residents experience health burdens, respiratory impacts

**More dirty air in overpolluted area**

Impacts on vulnerable population (youth and elderly)

**Impacts on children, especially Black, Latinx, low-income people**

Need to expand access to healthcare and services, jobs

**Will traffic be limited?**

Facility will meet all standards and regulations

**Recycling reduces CO2 emissions**

EPA report shows emissions are below NAAQS

**Truck traffic and emissions**

Oversaturation of industry and truck traffic

**People with chronic conditions**

PM emissions from RMG operations, NO2 and other pollutants from trucks will affect residents, especially those with underlying conditions

Need to identify standards for industry to reduce/eliminate cumulative burden

Community members bear these burdens

**Condition of streets**

**Injury danger for workers**

Concern that this process is not authentic, "done deal"

**No meaningful economic benefit, jobs for residents**

**Link between mental health and pollution exposure**

Study of air quality around General Iron showed high concentrations of PM 2.5 in community

RMG is not General Iron; this is a different facility and should not be judged by their performance

**Health department must stand by its values**

**Racial inequity**

**Widening health inequity**

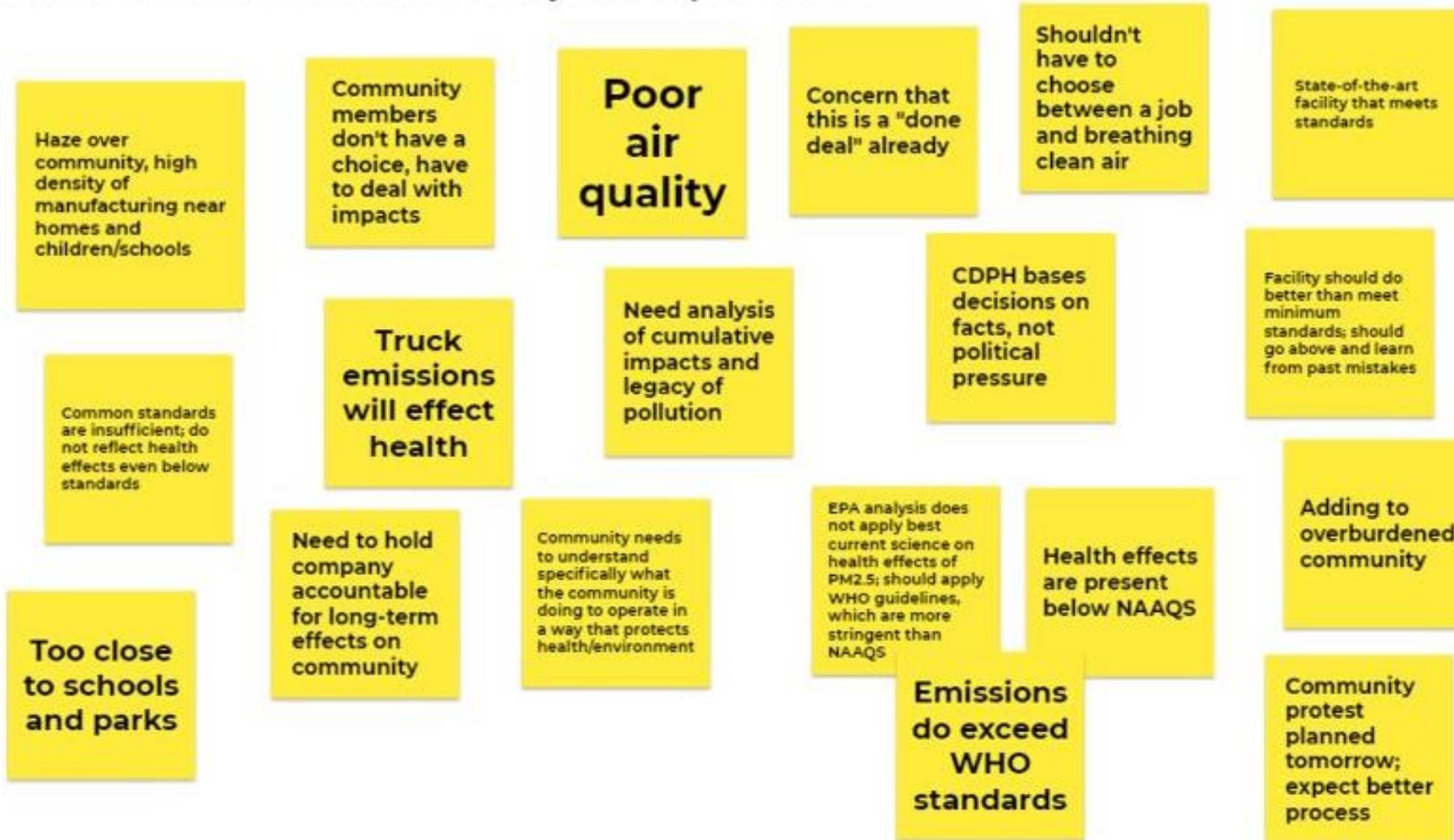
Increased healthcare costs

**Need for longer-term study of air/community impacts**

Need to examine indoor air pollution (in homes), soil and water pollution

# Lived Experience & Expertise

Is there anything else that you want people who are working on this proposal to know or think about based on your experience?



## Looking Forward

Beyond the permit decision, what should we be aware of as we embark on other policy or process change initiatives? Do you have any specific recommendations?

